

VZCZCXR05720  
RR RUEHDE RUEHDIR  
DE RUEHMK #0463 1951224  
ZNR UUUUU ZZH  
R 131224Z JUL 08  
FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA  
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 7988  
INFO RUEHZM/GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL COLLECTIVE  
RUEHGB/AMEMBASSY BAGHDAD 0240  
RHBAVAKS/COMUSNAVCENT  
RHMFIUU/HQ USCENTCOM MACDILL AFB FL  
RUEHC/DEPT OF LABOR WASHDC

UNCLAS MANAMA 000463

SENSITIVE  
SIPDIS

BAGHDAD FOR AMBASSADOR ERELI  
STATE FOR DRL

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: PHUM ELAB PGOV BA  
SUBJECT: GOB ENFORCES SUMMER BAN ON OUTDOOR LABOR

**¶11.** (U) Forty Ministry of Labor (MOL) inspectors fanned out across Bahrain July 1 to begin enforcing the annual ban on outdoor work during the hottest hours of the day. Employers can be fined up to USD 795 for each laborer found working outside between 1 and 4 p.m. During their first week, the inspectors levied 190 fines.

**¶12.** (SBU) Hassan Al Aradi (please protect), a workplace safety advocate and an officer of the Bahrain Health and Safety Society, an NGO, told poloff that unlike many other labor regulations in Bahrain, companies take the summer work ban seriously. Al Aradi said that the summer work ban was easier to enforce than other safety regulations since inspectors did not require significant training. By comparison, enforcement of regulations mandating the implementation of specific practices and the use of certain safety equipment required well-trained inspectors. (Note: The 2007 Human Rights Report highlighted the lack of trained labor inspectors as an obstacle to improved worker safety. End note.) According to Al Aradi, MOL achieved better than 80 percent compliance with the summer work ban in 2007, and its vigorous enforcement efforts appear to be continuing into 2008.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Visit Embassy Manama's Classified Website:

<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/nea/manama/>

HENZEL